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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH GA: BANGLADESH

1. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH MISOFF FOLLOWING STAFF-LEVEL MEETING OF ASIAN WORKING GROUP IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATED OCT 22, BOTH JAPANESE (MINISTER OHTAKA) AND MALAYSIAN (DEPUTY PERMREP KAMIL) DISCUSSED NEED TO PRESS BANGLADESH HARD TO VOTE WITH US.

2. KAMIL SAID MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA WOULD BE MAKING JOINT APPROACH IN DACCA. THESE ASEAN REPS WOULD TAKE POSITON THAT BANGLADESH "OWES CHINA NOTHING" AND THAT BOTH MALAYSIA AND, EVEN MORE SO, INDONESIA, HAD PROVIDED GREAT ASISTANCE TO BANGLADESH WHEN BANGLADESH NEEDED IT AND BANGLADESH "OWES" ASEANS SUPPORT ON KHMER. SIMILARLY, OHTAKA, SPEAKING WITH AN INTENSITY THAT WE HAVE NOT OFTEN SEEN, SAID GKR SUPPORTERS SHOULD NOT TOLERATE ANY EXCUSES FROM DACCA FOR FAILING TO VOTE WITH US ON THIS ISSUE. OHTAKA, AFFIRMING THAT JAPANESE WOULD BE AGGRESSIVE IN THIS CASE, URGED USG ALSO TAKE VERY STRONG POSITION WITH BANGLADESH, ADDING HIS HOPE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD
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RAISE KHMER IN DACCA. WE TOLD OHTAKA THAT SECRETARY, AS

JAPANESE FULLY AWARE, PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON ISSUE
AND WOULD HAVE IT VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND IN ANY CONTACTS
WITH TARGET COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE INTENSITY OF OHTAKA'S REPRESENTATION WAS
NOTEWORTHY, IT IS CONSISTENT, AS DEPT KNOWS, WITH EXTREMELY
VIGOROUS JAPANESE EFFORT WORLDWIDE. ON OTHER HAND, WE HAVE
COME TO REALIZE ONLY FULLY IN PAST WEEK OR SO, THAT MALAYSIANS
HERE AND IN CAPITALS ARE ALSO VERY ACTIVE.

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